

## Sewer Accessibility Policy

### Basis of Consideration:

Metro Water Services (MWS) jurisdiction extends to areas outside of Davidson County where we interact with agencies with differing regulations. It is important that we develop policies and practices that are fair and equitable to all our customers. The Metropolitan Code mandates both the payment for and connection to the public sewer system after due notice.

There are situations where connections to the public sewer system may present a significant hardship. These should be weighed against the benefits of connection. The intent of this policy is to define this Department's criteria for public sewer service accessibility.

### Policy:

When a determination is made that a building for residential, commercial or industrial use is located on a parcel of land that has a sanitary sewer line, or abuts or adjoins a street or public way containing a sanitary sewer line, MWS will notify customers to connect to the sanitary sewer and cease using other means for sewage disposal within 60 days.

The charge for sewerage services shall begin to accrue on the expiration of the 60 day notice at the established rates, regardless of whether the sewer connection has been made as required.

Failure to pay the combined MWS bill shall cause the bill to be delinquent. MWS will enforce payment of the bill by discontinuing the water and/or sewer service.


Sanitary sewer service is considered accessible to any parcel of land on which a structure suitable for occupancy is adjacent to the point of connection to a public sewer. The Director, or his designee, The MWS Plans Review Committee, may set aside this test for accessibility whenever the difficulty in connecting to the public sewer calls for such exemption. Parcels deemed to have accessibility will be billed and must connect to the public sewer system in accordance with the Metropolitan Code.

This policy in no way affects the ability of the appropriate public health agency to require connection to the public sewer system when they deem it necessary for the welfare of the public.

**Effective Date: March 11, 2008**


### RECOMMENDED:

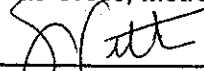
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